

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 remain in this application. Claim 14 has been amended.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-13, drawn to applying molten metal, with traverse.

In Group II, claim 14 has been amended so that the claim 14 method is performed on the same object which has previously been treated according to claim 1. In other words, the methods of claims 1 and 14 can be (but not necessarily are) performed sequentially. Claim 1 first, claim 14 thereafter.

Thus, claims 14-18 become more detailed recitations of the same invention claimed in claim 1 and hence are not divisible therefrom. Also, claim 19 is a "product by process" claim, indivisible from claim 1 because it cannot be performed by a method other than claim 1. Similarly, the method of claim 1 cannot produce a product other than that of claim 19.

Therefore, rejoinder of Groups II and III with Group I is believed to be in order and an action on the merits of all of the claims now in the case is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future submissions, to charge any deficiency or

credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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